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M I N U T E S

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Voting Members Present

Sandy Duncan

Kari Tanta

Cathy Murahashi

Charlene Robbins

Donna Borgford-Parnell

Adrienne Fatur

Debbie Ennis

Employer

CHAP

Valley Medical Center

ARC of King County Parent Coalition

Parent

Seattle King County Public Health

CCR

PIP

Community Members

Loxy Baltazar

The Arc Ethnic Outreach

Staff Present

Jan Wrathall

KCDDD

Elaine Goddard

KCDDD

Introductions:

Sandy Duncan opened the meeting and asked for introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

11080401 Sandy Duncan asked for corrections or additions to the September minutes. A motion was made to approve the September minutes. The motion was approved.

Community Announcements and ICC Member Reports:

- Cathy Murahashi reminded everyone of the Legislative Night, November 22 at the DoubleTree in Southcenter. Jan will send out reminders via e-mail to providers. Sandy will send reminders out to the FRCs.
- Sandy Duncan announced the next FRC Training opportunity will be November 18th. CHAP will present "Cliff Notes on Financial Services and Part C Funding in Depth". Kathy Murahashi will talk about the new waiver system. Donna suggested also discussing open medical coupons.
- Sandy reminded the group about families who need help during the holidays. She referred the group to check the Crisis Clinic web site for further information.
- Kari Tanta passed out information about several programs offered by Valley Medical Center, including a parent group for parents and caregivers of children with special needs.
- There is an Infant Early Childhood Conference coming up. Although the deadline for presenters is past, there is room for additional speakers. They are especially interested in presenters who can speak to the needs of professionals.
- Kari is helping Wise apply for a grant, and is seeking input. The original pilot sites did not include King County. She will update the group at the next meeting.
- The group discussed the role of neuro-developmental centers in serving children with special healthcare needs. Kari said that some programs provide educational services, but their primary focus is on medical services such as occupational, physical and speech therapy. Other services vary from center to center. Kinderling, CTC, Boyer and VMC are the designated neuro-development centers in King County.
- Adrienne Fatur reported on a recent study done by Child Care Resources (CCR) regarding family childcare provider training needs. Copies of the CCR final report were passed out. CCR met with several focus groups comprised of family childcare providers, and asked them what their greatest challenges were, and how they identified children with developmental delays. Providers most often mentioned speech problems, and behavior problems. They expressed difficulty in approaching parents with their concerns due mostly to parent denial. CCR also provided training to participants on the Red Flags tool. Red Flags is similar to the Well Baby Checkup tool, but is modified to incorporate some functional screening. It is not a diagnostic tool; it is an observation tool. After the training, providers were asked to try the tool out and come back to another session to share their findings. Overall, the providers liked the tool. They found it straightforward, objective and easy to use. Many also thought the tool made it easier to talk to parents. Overall, providers were

excited to use it in their programs. Focus groups also revealed a lack of awareness of community resources for 0-3 services. CCR provided information to them on resources, including CHAP. They are considering initiating future trainings on how to discuss developmental delays with parents.

- Donna Borgford-Parnell is currently working on a video on how to prepare blended food for children who eat with a tube. She is in the process of editing the video before getting it out.

Lead FRC Report: Sandy Duncan

Sandy discussed access to 0-3 services in King County. Access in Seattle is tight; however, the rest of the county is accepting kids. She encouraged people to call CHAP if they are having difficulty finding 0-3 services. CHAP will help families find something. CHAP is averaging 35 calls each month from parents with concerns.

CHAP has been getting small turnouts at their FRC trainings. They are looking at a format change, and doing a conference in the fall in conjunction with KCDD. It has been proposed that quarterly trainings be offered instead of monthly trainings, and then to have the fall conference. They will offer training on the basic essentials, but also provide some more advanced tips and detailed information. Sandy was asked if CHAP provided cultural competence training. There was a concern that many communities don't even know what an FRC is.

Lead Agency Report: Jan Wrathall

Jan reported that King County DD is gathering data for their biennial planning. Ray Jensen, the new Division Director, believes in inclusion and would like every adult to work in some capacity. The county guidelines will try to create a pathway, starting with early intervention, to help people become contributing members of society. A draft will be done in December. Josh Goldfinger, from King County, is currently working on gathering feedback from families and providers. Parent focus groups are already in the works, and provider focus groups are coming up. Jan will ask Josh to come to a future KCI CC meeting to discuss this work in more detail.

The KCI CC Action Agenda Committee is working on access to services. Surveys are sent out to parents of kids who have transitioned out of 0-3 services. They found that many people do not know how to access services, and don't understand the early intervention system. A group has been formed to focus on public awareness, and will be embarking on this soon. The group is working with United Way, and is looking at sponsorship with private entities.

State ICC Report: Jan Wrathall

Jan discussed a report on the Top Ten Gaps for Children, 0-3, and Their Families. Some highlights included:

- The state ICC created an ad-hoc public policy committee focusing on funding issues. There is a general lack of funding sources for specialized instruction because they are not deemed medical services. One of the State ICC recommendations is a mandate that all counties and school districts provide 0-3 services. Currently, only 8-9 school districts are participating in King County. This issue will be discussed at the legislative forum.
- Personnel shortages are being looked at. It is hard to find qualified providers. The committee will be working with MAA to resolve some issues. A concern within this group is that loopholes have created watered down services. For example, aides are often doing the job of licensed speech pathologists. Minimum standards are required to pay for Part C services.
- Mental health issues were also highlighted. Children with developmental delays do not have adequate access to the mental health system. There are concerns that dual systems will be created. The group discussed the idea of wraparound services for younger children. Cross-Agency coordination is needed to help families navigate the system. It can be very confusing where one agency starts and another ends. Some services overlap, and there are gaps in other areas.

The FRC scope of work needs to be better defined, and ratios need to be decided. Flexibility is needed, but boundaries must be set. Jan expressed concern that the Lead Agency is responsible for ensuring a system of care, but has no accountability over FRCs.

The SI CC is putting together user groups, including one to focus on the IFSP, one to focus on on-going user issues, and then another for a Diagnosis Committee. They will look into data entry issues in the ITIEP system. They have been recruiting volunteers, and will report back to the Data Committee of the SI CC.

The DDD eligibility document is not yet out, but should be coming soon. There will be opportunity for written input. Jan believes it will better align Part C with DDD eligibility.

Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned. The next KCI CC Meeting will be January 10, 12:00-2:00 pm, at the WorkSource in Renton.